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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip Report on Visit to [ ] Wiesbaden, Germany, in Connection with SCOPE SAINT III Security Matters (20 - 25 October 1969)

1. The purpose of this visit was threefold:

a. To establish procedures, in liaison with Project IDEALIST-cleared USAFE Headquarters officials at Wiesbaden, Germany, for the processing and movement of SCOPE SAINT III photographic product at the 7499th Support Group Photo Lab. On very short notice, it became necessary to coordinate a schedule for the secure movement of unprocessed mission film from [ ] to the Photo Lab at Wiesbaden Air Base, and for the subsequent movement of the processed film from Wiesbaden to [ ] Washington, D. C.

b. To solicit the support of [ ] for courier and logistical assistance required in the movement of SCOPE SAINT III product within and out of Germany. It was also desirable to introduce the [ ] to USAFE officials in order that OSA may anticipate quick reaction support in future missions of this kind.

c. To discuss with the USAFE BCO/TCO the current status of [ ] types and numbers of [ ] clearances held by individuals assigned to the 7499th Photo Lab, and, to determine what action must be pursued to establish the 7499th Photo Lab as an accredited TALENT security facility.

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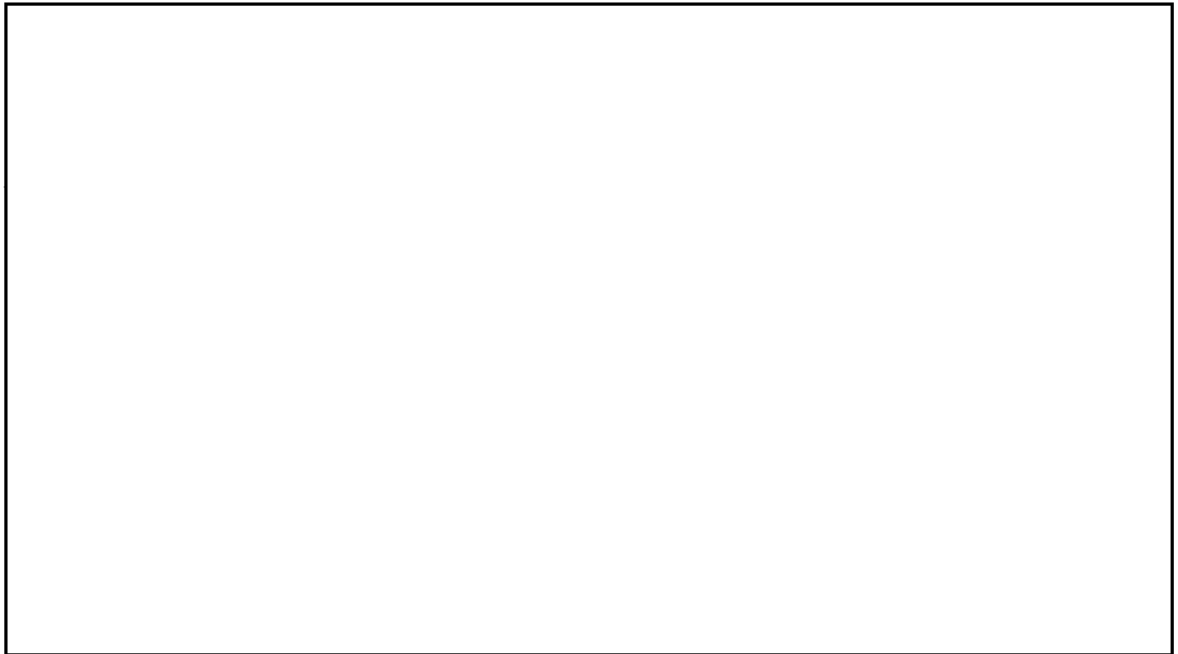
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2. The following personnel were contacted at [ ]  
and Wiesbaden, Germany:

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3. Conferences were held on Tuesday afternoon,  
21 October and Wednesday morning, 22 October, with [ ]

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[ ] Both indi-  
viduals, cleared and briefed Project IDEALIST, were afforded  
briefings on SCOPE SAINT III and on the purposes of the  
writer's visit. [ ] who formerly served for  
several years as [ ] still retains  
a strong empathy with OSA activities, and his immediate  
reaction was one of complete cooperation. [ ]

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[ ] were confident that they could provide  
courier and logistical support in the movement of OSA  
mission product, not only for SCOPE SAINT III, but for any  
future missions planned for this part of the universe.

4. A conference was held on Wednesday afternoon,  
22 October 1969, at USAFE Headquarters, Lindsey Air Station,

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Wiesbaden, Germany, regarding movement/processing of SCOPE SAINT III product from [ ] to 7499th Support Group Photo Lab which is located in Building 23E at Wiesbaden Air Base. Participants in this discussion were [ ]

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leave of this discussion, after the introductions, due to other priorities.

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5. As a preface to this meeting, the writer reviewed the sequence of events which resulted in Project Headquarters decision to use Wiesbaden Lab facilities in lieu of the [ ]

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[ ] The USAFE representatives had been briefed on SCOPE SAINT III by [ ]

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Chief, IDEALIST Division, OSA, and [ ]

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[ ] during their visit to USAFE in the early part of October 1969. At that time it was planned to process

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SCOPE SAINT III film at [ ] facility. Subsequent research and investigation by [ ] representatives proved that [ ] did not have capability at this time to handle SCOPE SAINT III processing.

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6. USAFE officials were quite surprised at the apparent 11th hour decision by Project Headquarters to levy SCOPE SAINT III film processing requirement on the Wiesbaden Lab facility. They were not only surprised but mildly disturbed because they had not received more advanced notice. The 7499th Lab had never processed #3401 film and as a result the Chief of the Photo Lab [ ] through [ ] presented a lengthy and comprehensive list of questions relating to technical processing and handling of this film.

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7. It was agreed that the technical processing problems should be presented to Project Headquarters for resolution as soon as possible. A message was forwarded by USAFE to AFIGO-S via AFSSO channels.

8. The writer was quick to explain to USAFE representatives that one of the reasons for my presence was based on

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Project Headquarters' realization that use of the Wiesbaden Lab was a relatively late change in plans, and it was their desire to make a Headquarters representative available for on-the-scene coordination with USAFE.

9. Prior to departure from Headquarters, the writer consulted with OSA Intelligence Division and, therefore, was in a position to provide the following preliminary guidelines to USAFE representatives relative to film processing of SCOPE SAINT III training missions:

a. 7499th Lab will be required to furnish one original negative, one dupe positive and one dupe negative for each of two (2) training missions;

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b. Original negatives and dupe positives, destined for [ ] will be packaged for shipment to [ ]

c. Dupe negatives, destined for NPIC, will be packaged for shipment to Washington, D. C.;

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d. Processed film will be classified SECRET - No Foreign Dissemination [ ] If possible, titling will appear on each frame. At minimum, titling will appear on the head and tail of film;

e. No copies of SCOPE SAINT III film will be retained at 7499th Lab.

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10. The following agreed position on movement of SCOPE SAINT III product was established at this conference. After both training missions are flown, USAFE will dispatch T-39 aircraft from Wiesbaden to [ ] to transport unprocessed film from [ ] to 7499th Lab at Wiesbaden Air Base. When processed film is ready for pick-up at 7499th, [ ] will provide truck [ ] to deliver processed film to [ ] for shipment via ComAir to appropriate destinations. [ ]

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11. USAFE officials also raised the question of feasibility of Project Headquarters providing 7499th Lab with approximately 4,000 feet of domestic training film for them to practice with, prior to processing of SCOPE SAINT III film. USAFE officials surfaced this question because they believed practice run would heighten probability of highest quality for SCOPE SAINT III film. This proposal was forwarded to Project Headquarters by the writer in [ ]

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12. This conference was very productive, and among other things, served as a vehicle to introduce [ ] USAFE officials which will facilitate future support for OSA Project activities in Germany.

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13. Follow-on meetings were held with USAFE officials at Wiesbaden by the writer on 23 and 24 October 1969 to discuss changes in the schedule for the pick-up of unprocessed film at [ ] as dictated by Project Headquarters messages, and to coordinate schedule for pick-up of processed film from 7499th Photo Lab for delivery to final destination. USAFE officials also expressed complete satisfaction with guidance provided to them by Project Headquarters in response to their questions regarding processing technicalities. It is noted that Project Headquarters directed the deployed detachment to fly additional time for the purpose of exposing additional 1,000 feet per roll (total 2,000 feet) which then could be used by the 7499th for practice processing.

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14. On 24 October 1969, the writer also conferred separately with [ ]

[ ] for the purpose of obtaining an updating on the current status of the [ ]

[ ] pointed out that the justification/need for [ ] was initially provided from [ ] message #22370 dated 18 July 1967. [ ] was to be established from the combined efforts of the 7499th Support Group Photo Lab (Processing), Wiesbaden Air Base [ ]

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[ ] [ ]  
[ ] However,

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due to budgetary reasons, lack of advanced film processing equipment, and unknown higher level policy, they have not been accredited for [ ] status, and they have not been certified as TALENT security facilities.

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There are [ ] key personnel certified SI, T and TK at the 7499th. In addition, there are [ ]

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personnel certified SI, T and TK at the 497th RTG. In

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[ ] opinion, the 7499th will not be activated as [ ] until higher USAF Headquarters makes a major policy decision.

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Action Taken: AFIGO-S, NRO, OSA Headquarters and Eastman Kodak Company have jointly arranged and coordinated with USAFE for a visit to the 7499th Lab by Eastman Kodak representative [ ] [ ] during week of 10 November 1969. OSA had previously arranged for [ ] to review processing capabilities [ ] during week of 3 November. Purpose of [ ] visit to 7499th is to review its processing capabilities and to determine equipment and training required to accommodate [ ] status.

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In addition, OSA Security by message dated 7 November has requested [ ] and NRO to initiate appropriate procedures to have the 7499th Photo Lab certified as a TALENT security facility.

15. Movement of SCOPE SAINT III product:

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a. A T-39 aircraft was dispatched from Wiesbaden to [ ] on Monday, 27 October 1969, and transported unprocessed mission film to 7499th Photo Lab at Wiesbaden Air Base. [ ] rode as passenger [ ] and acted as courier for mission product on return trip. [ ] was met and assisted at Wiesbaden by [ ] and [ ] Unprocessed film was turned over at the 7499th Lab.

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b. USAFE officials advised that SCOPE SAINT III processed film would be ready for pick-up on Friday, 31 October 1969, at 7499th Lab. [redacted] provided a truck for movement of film from Wiesbaden

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[redacted] also scheduled mission cargo and couriers for movement on PAA flight #107 from [redacted] to Washington, D. C. [redacted] acted as courier for processed film (ON's and DP's) destined for [redacted] he delivered film to [redacted] for onward transportation to [redacted] then returned to [redacted] [redacted] acted as courier for processed film (DN's) destined for Washington, D. C. He was met, assisted and relieved of classified cargo at Dulles Airport by [redacted] SS/OSA.

c. SCOPE SAINT III unprocessed film was transported in large containers from [redacted] to the 7499th. By message dated 29 October 1969, 7499th was instructed to ship large containers and spools to Warner Robins via MAC channel airlift on a routine shipment basis.

16. Recommendations:

In future OSA Project operations, when it is anticipated that the 7499th Photo Lab facilities at Wiesbaden will be used, it is recommended that USAFE Headquarters be alerted through AFIGO-S, as far in advance as possible, to facilitate 7499th programming. In addition, formal guidelines and instructions for processing and handling of the Project mission film should be provided to USAFE.

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